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25X1X 1. Source, [REDACTED] said that Prof. Kunz, about 40 years of age, a physicist, wrote a physics handbook for Minsk University in the local PW camp. After completion of the book Prof. Kunz was forced to sign a contract for work in the Soviet Union and then left the camp by car.

2. Cpl Holzheuser was detained in the Schachty PW camp. After repeated interrogations by the Soviets it was learned in May 1949 that Holzheuser was actually an ex-major of the reserve and that he had previously worked as a scientist, allegedly at an institute for atomic or other physical research. Although Holzheuser rejected advantageous offers of the Soviets he was evacuated from the camp.

25X1A Comment:

Prof. Kunz mentioned in para 1 is perhaps Prof. Karl Kunz, Dr. Ing., who, according to the Verzeichnis der Deutschen Wissenschaftler, was born in Darmstadt on 7 October 1899. He worked in the field of organic chemistry after 1932 as a professor at the Darmstadt Technical Academy.

b. The name of Holzhaeuser (not Holzheuser), Peter Karl, is known from a scientific thesis as obtaining the degree of doctor of engineering from the Brunswick Institute of Technology. The thesis dealt with special problems of welding techniques.

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